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1. The exchange of the old identity cards for new ones was still proceeding in June 1953. The new cards are in the form of booklets of 12-16 pages, of strong first-class paper, similar to that used in making banknotes. These booklets are of the same format and color throughout Bulgaria. The embossed seal of the issuing authority is impressed on the bearer's photograph pasted on the first page of the booklet. For each administrative area there is a separate series of booklets. Those supplied to the population of Sofia have the identification letters KL printed on them.
2. All male and female Bulgarians over 17 years of age will be supplied with these booklets. They are valid for five years, with the exception of those issued to former male partisans of over 59 years of age, and former female partisans of over 49 years of age. These two categories of people get identity booklets which are valid for life.
3. In addition to the usual details, entries are made on a special column of the names of the factory, enterprise, or kolkhoz in which the bearer works or has worked, the dates he or she started to work in each of these and, in case an employment is terminated, the employer has to enter on the booklet the reasons for his or her dismissal. These items have to be confirmed by the local Militia, without whose confirmation the bearer cannot get another job.

Comments: the inhabitants of border areas have been provided with red booklets while those living in the interior have light green booklets.

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